

Reply to Office Action dated December 6, 2010

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-13, 15-21 and 23 are pending in the above application, of which claims 1, 10, 11, 15 and 16 are independent. By the above amendment, claims 8, 14 and 22 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The final Office Action dated December 6, 2010, has been received and carefully reviewed. In that Office Action, it was indicated that claims 8, 10-13 and 15-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By the above amendment, the limitations of claim 8, which was dependent from claim 1, were added to claim 1, and claim 8 was cancelled. Claim 1 as amended therefore has the same scope as claim 8 written in independent form and is submitted to be allowable. All claims depending from claim 1 are also submitted to be allowable. In addition, claims 10, 11, 15 and 16 have each been rewritten in independent form. These claims and the claims depending therefrom are therefore submitted to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-13, 15-21 and 23 are submitted to be in condition for allowance, and the allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited. If the examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Deposit Account Authorization

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-3828 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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